

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
HARDIN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2005 TAXES**

**April 28, 2006**



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE**  
**HARDIN COUNTY**  
**SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2005 TAXES**

**April 28, 2006**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the audit of the Sheriff's Settlement - 2005 Taxes for Hardin County Sheriff as of April 28, 2006. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

**Financial Condition:**

The Sheriff collected taxes of \$34,027,256 for the districts for 2005 taxes, retaining commissions of \$887,979 to operate the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff distributed taxes of \$33,100,713 to the districts for 2005 Taxes. Taxes of \$2,286 are due to a district from the Sheriff and a refund of \$2,286 is due to the Sheriff from a taxing district.

**Deposits:**

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.



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To the People of Kentucky  
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Finance and Administration Cabinet  
Honorable Harry Berry, Hardin County Judge/Executive  
Honorable Charles A. Williams, Hardin County Sheriff  
Members of the Hardin County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the Hardin County Sheriff's Settlement - 2005 Taxes as of April 28, 2006. This tax settlement is the responsibility of the Hardin County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the Hardin County Sheriff's taxes charged, credited, and paid as of April 28, 2006, in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting.



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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 2006 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -  
November 9, 2006



HARDIN COUNTY  
CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2005 TAXES

April 28, 2006

<u>Charges</u>	<u>County Taxes</u>	<u>Special Taxing Districts</u>	<u>School Taxes</u>	<u>State Taxes</u>
Real Estate	\$ 4,325,222	\$ 1,354,379	\$ 17,899,944	\$ 5,062,407
Tangible Personal Property	393,294	123,021	1,598,808	1,556,910
Intangible Personal Property				558,828
Fire Protection	1,546			
Increases Through Exonerations	4,580	1,544	18,932	38,762
Omitted Taxes	170	48	677	198
Franchise Taxes	312,220	92,963	1,325,793	
Additional Billings	7,477	2,312	30,265	8,443
Oil and Gas Property Taxes	16,313			
Limestone, Sand and Mineral Reserves	762	218	3,061	891
Bank Franchises	235,638			
Penalties	27,647	9,037	114,622	34,526
Adjusted to Sheriff's Receipt	2	53	2	28
Gross Chargeable to Sheriff	<u>5,324,871</u>	<u>1,583,575</u>	<u>20,992,104</u>	<u>7,260,993</u>
<u>Credits</u>				
Exonerations	34,143	10,998	138,669	42,493
Discounts	81,479	23,697	317,043	117,983
Delinquents:				
Real Estate	52,346	18,986	201,929	56,868
Tangible Personal Property	2,668	803	10,725	13,675
Intangible Personal Property				2,780
Franchise Taxes:				
Delinquent	772	230	3,289	
Uncollected	553	43	2,115	
Total Credits	<u>171,961</u>	<u>54,757</u>	<u>673,770</u>	<u>233,799</u>
Taxes Collected	5,152,910	1,528,818	20,318,334	7,027,194
Less: Commissions *	<u>219,286</u>	<u>64,975</u>	<u>304,775</u>	<u>298,943</u>
Taxes Due	4,933,624	1,463,843	20,013,559	6,728,251
Taxes Paid	4,927,738	1,461,921	19,989,689	6,721,365
Refunds (Current and Prior Year)	<u>5,886</u>	<u>1,922</u>	<u>23,870</u>	<u>6,886</u>
Due Districts or (Refund)				
Due Sheriff) as of			**	
Completion of Fieldwork	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

\* and \*\* See Next Page

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

HARDIN COUNTY  
CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, SHERIFF  
SHERIFF'S SETTLEMENT - 2005 TAXES  
April 28, 2006  
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\* Commissions:

10% on	\$	10,000
4.25% on	\$	13,698,922
1.5% on	\$	20,318,334

\*\* School Districts:

Common School District	\$	(2,286)
Elizabethtown School District	\$	2,286

HARDIN COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 28, 2006

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

The Sheriff's office tax collection duties are limited to acting as an agent for assessed property owners and taxing districts. A fund is used to account for the collection and distribution of taxes. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting. Basis of accounting refers to when charges, credits, and taxes paid are reported in the settlement statement. It relates to the timing of measurements regardless of the measurement focus.

Charges are sources of revenue which are recognized in the tax period in which they become available and measurable. Credits are reductions of revenue which are recognized when there is proper authorization. Taxes paid are uses of revenue which are recognized when distributions are made to the taxing districts and others.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
April 28, 2006  
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Note 2. Deposits (Continued)

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk, but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of April 28, 2006, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

Note 3. Tax Collection Period

The real and personal property tax assessments were levied as of January 1, 2005. Property taxes were billed to finance governmental services for the year ended June 30, 2006. Liens are effective when the tax bills become delinquent. The collection period for these assessments was October 26, 2005 through April 28, 2006.

Note 4. Interest Income

The Hardin County Sheriff earned \$58,393 as interest income on 2005 taxes. The Sheriff distributes the interest earned on taxes to the school district as required by statute, and the remainder is to be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 5. Sheriff's 10% Add-On Fee

The Hardin County Sheriff collected \$131,470 of 10% add-on fees allowed by KRS 134.430(3). This amount is to be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

Note 6. Advertising Costs And Fees

The Hardin County Sheriff collected \$7,350 of advertising costs and \$18,920 of advertising fees allowed by KRS 424.330(1) and KRS 134.440(2). The Sheriff distributed the advertising costs to the county as required by statute, and the advertising fees are to be used to operate the Sheriff's office.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON  
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS





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**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On  
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the Hardin County Sheriff's Settlement - 2005 Taxes as of April 28, 2006, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 2006. The Sheriff prepares his financial statement in accordance with a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Hardin County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Hardin County Sheriff's Settlement - 2005 Taxes as of April 28, 2006 is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And On  
Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards  
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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